CGHS approved hospitals in Madhya Pradesh and Orissa

†2079. MISS ANUSUIYA U1KEY:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of private hospitals authorized for treatment of the Central Government employees. under Central Government Health Scheme in Madhya Pradesh and Orissa;

(b) the rates fixed by the administration for treatment of different diseases for admission and treatment in these hospitals;

(c) whether these rates are equal to the prevalent rates of market; and

(d) on what basis the specified rates are fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The list of private hospitals authorized for treatment of central Government employees under Central Government Health Scheme and rate lists for various procedures/tests etc. are voluminous documents which can be accessed in the website of CGHS *www. mohfw. nic. in/cghs.htm.*

(c) and (d) Rates for various procedures were arrived at on the basis of rates quoted by private hospitals/diagnostic centres in response to tender notice issued in March-April, 2004. Fresh empanelment of private hospitals and diagnostic centres under CGHS was taken up to have competitive rates for various procedures and services, as also directed by the High Court of Delhi in CWP No.4754 of 1996 in Shri T.S. Oberoi *versus* union of India.

Blindness in children

†2080. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of children aged between 0-5 suffering from blindness for the last five years, year-wise;

(b) the number out of those who could be cured of blindness, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for blindness; and

(d) the efforts being made by Government to check blindness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) As per the available information from the blind schools and refractive error studies in India, it is estimated that there are 3.5 lakh blind children due to visual impairment in the age group of 0-15 years. This pool of blind children is constant over the last five years.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.